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June 29, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF A STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OFFICE OF
STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT,
AGREEMENT FOR THE DESIGNED TO SUCCEED-NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF LICENSING EXAM REVIEW PROGRAM
(All Districts) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign an Agreement with the State of California, Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD), Exhibit I, to accept a \$124,856 grant for the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) and the Healthcare Workforce Development Program (HCWDP) to prepare students to successfully pass the National Council of Licensing Exam (NCLEX) exam through the Designed to Succeed-NCLEX Review Program (DSNRP), effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Board approval of the recommended action will enable the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) to provide a comprehensive innovative NCLEX Review Program for the Los Angeles County CONAH and the HCWDP. This sponsored program will assist nursing graduates, who will work in DHS facilities, to become registered nurses.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals:

The recommended action is consistent with Goal #2 of the County Strategic Plan, Workforce Excellence, to enhance the quality and productivity of the County workforce.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The \$124,856 in grant funds from the State, OSHPD, Song-Brown Physician Training Act Registered Nursing Education Program, will be used over a two-year period as follows: 1) \$29,346 for a Program Coordinator at 32% time over two years; 2) \$35,510 for testing and instructional materials; and 3) \$60,000 for nurse educators who will conduct the DSNRP.

Funding will be included in the Department's Fiscal Year 2006-07 Supplemental Budget Request.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The HCWDP applied for the grant on February 28, 2006 and received notification of the award on April 26, 2006. The Program applies academic support strategies for nursing graduates to prepare for the NCLEX examination.

CONAH and HCWDP will collaboratively conduct the DSNRP and will jointly administer the State grant. The DSNRP will augment the capacity of both entities to support additional instructional staff and educational materials in order to conduct the comprehensive review course. As a result of receiving this grant, an additional 180 nursing graduates are expected to pass the NCLEX exam and work for DHS.

County Counsel has reviewed the Agreement as to form.

Attachment A provides additional information.

Attachment B is the Grant Management Statement for grant awards exceeding \$100,000.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

Not applicable.

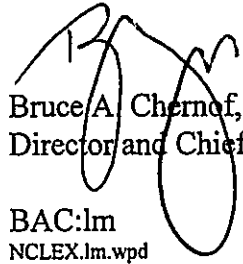
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The Department, through the HCWDP program, continues to sponsor DHS employees in nursing training programs with the condition that successful participants work for DHS facilities as registered nurses. This recommendation will increase the number of training opportunities available for DHS employees who are interested in becoming registered nurses.

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When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce A. Chernof', is written over the printed name and title.

Bruce A. Chernof, M.D.
Director and Chief Medical Officer

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Attachments (3)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

SUMMARY OF GRANT AGREEMENT

1. TYPE OF SERVICE:

Grant from the State for the Designed to Succeed-National Council of Licensing Exam Review Program to assist DHS employees to become registered nurses.

2. AGENCY ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

State of California
Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development
1600 9th Street, Room 450
Sacramento, California 95814
Attention: Virginia Donovan
Telephone: (916) 654-2124

3. TERM:

July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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5. GEOGRAPHIC AREA TO BE SERVED:

Countywide.

6. ACCOUNTABLE FOR MONITORING AND EVALUATION:

Diane Factor, Director, Healthcare Workforce Development Program

7. APPROVALS:

DHS Human Resources: John Cherep, Director

Contract and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel: Elizabeth J. Friedman, Senior Deputy

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: Health Services

Grant Project Title and Description: Designed to Succeed-NCLEX Review Program

Grant provides a Designed to Succeed-National Council of Licensing Exam (NCLEX) Review Program (DSNRP) to assist nursing graduates from the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health and the Health Care Workforce Development Program to pass the NCLEX exam.

Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State of California	Agreement Number 06-7069	

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$124,856	County Match Requirements	N/A
Grant Period: 2 years	Begin Date: 07/01/2006	End Date: 06/30/2008
Number of Personnel Hired Under this Grant: 2	Full Time	Part Time X

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant funded program? Yes X No

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires Yes No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes No X

(Describe)

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by this grant. Yes X No

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: No impact.

Other requirements not mentioned above None.

Department Head Signature

Date

6/22/08